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#### CHANGES PROPOSED IN REGULATIONS GOVERNING CAPTIVE MIGRATORY BIRDS

Proposed amendments to migratory bird regulations, giving the Department of the Interior more effective control over migratory birds held in captivity, are being published in the Federal Register, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Mallards and black ducks raised in captivity and more than two generations removed from the wild have not been subject to regulation although such birds cannot be distinguished from wild birds of the same species. Proposed regulations would require that such birds may be possessed only under permit, and that such birds must be marked so as to distinguish them from wild birds. When so possessed and marked, such birds may be killed by shooting on commercial shooting clubs at any time and in any numbers.

A \$15.00 fee for the issuance of propagating and taxidermist permits is proposed to permit the Government to recover a portion of the cost of administering these permits. These permits are valid for a period from date of issue through the 31st day of December of the second full calendar year following the year of issue.

Proposed regulations require taxidermists to have a permit in order to possess, transport, or process migratory birds for any person other than himself.

Interested persons will be given until October 15 to submit comments or objections to the proposed amendments before the Department takes final action. The regulations apply to all persons interested in the possession of migratory birds for any reason.

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